

AHC21024 Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management

DESCRIPTION

This qualification provides the skills and knowledge required for work in a defined context and/or for further study in conservation and ecosystem management. Work would be carried out under general guidance and supervision.

The qualification enables individuals to select and develop basic factual, technical and procedural knowledge in conservation and ecosystem management for Indigenous land management, lands, parks and wildlife services and the restoration and rehabilitation of ecosystems.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication. Users are advised that individual elective units selected may have licensing, legislative or certification requirements and are advised to check the units individually for these requirements.

ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no entry requirements for this qualification.

A Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (LLND) evaluation helps identify any areas where you may need additional support to help you achieve your goals.

DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Casuarina, Remote
Duration*	6 months full time, 2-3 years part time
Study mode ^^	Face-to-face
Dates ^	02/02/26 to 26/06/26
Attendance	Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

* Duration may vary depending on how long a student takes to reach the required competency level.

^ A course timetable/study plan will be provided on application for the course.

^^ Information relating to study modes can be found in the 2026 TAFE Student Guide

FEES

Fee Type	2026 Course Fees
Fee Free TAFE*	Free
Full Fee	\$6,028.75 - \$8,347.50

*This course is part of the Fee Free TAFE initiative. Fee Free TAFE and vocational education and training is a joint initiative of the Northern Territory Government and Australian Governments providing tuition-free training places to students wanting to train, retain or upskill.

Fees shown are indicative and subject to change annually. Actual course fees may vary depending on the units chosen. For International non-student visa-holders; study eligibility needs to be verified before enrolment. Fees may vary depending on the visa type. The course fee rates will vary for commercial contract arrangements.

For further clarification and information on fees, fee exemptions, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to [TAFE Fees and Payments](#)

ASSESSMENT

Skills and knowledge assessments are an essential step in progressing through your course. You may be assessed in a number of ways including written assessment, questioning, portfolios, work samples, direct observation, practical assessments and third-party feedback.

Throughout your course you will receive information about assessments including how, when and where assessments will be conducted.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

RPL is a process that determines whether the skills, knowledge and experience you've gained through your previous study, work or life experience can count towards a vocational training qualification at CDU. For more information, [VET RPL](#).

CREDIT TRANSFER (CT)

Charles Darwin University as a Registered Training Organisation recognises the Australian Qualifications Framework qualifications and Statement of Attainments issued by any other Australian Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Students are encouraged to submit any requests for credit from previous studies at the time of enrolment, to ensure they are not enrolling in units they may not need to undertake.

RESOURCES

Students are issued with learning materials and handouts relevant to each unit and are required to provide some of their own protective clothing for working outdoors, i.e. hat, closed-in shoes, sunglasses, long trousers, and a long-sleeved shirt.

STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Further training pathways from this qualification include but are not limited to AHC31424 Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management.

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- Lands, Parks, and Wildlife Officer
- Pest Management Assistant (Feral Animals)
- Conservation Earthworks Trainee
- Landcare Assistant
- Conservation Earthworks Assistant
- Indigenous Land Management Assistant

QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve AHC21024 Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management, a total of fifteen (15) units of competency must be completed, comprising two (2) core and thirteen (13) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below. The electives offered may vary between campuses.

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CORE UNITS

AHCWHS202	Participate in workplace health and safety processes
AHCWRK211	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices

ELECTIVE UNITS *(select 13 units)*

Group A (select at least 4 from Group A)	
AHCBIO203	Inspect and clean machinery, tools and equipment to preserve biosecurity
AHCECR203	Perform basic ecological restoration works
AHCFAU202	Recognise fauna
AHCLPW201	Operate a handheld GPS device
AHCOCM202	Observe and report plants or animals
AHCPCM204	Recognise plants
AHCPGD212	Conduct visual inspection of park facilities
AHCPMG201	Treat weeds
AHCECR305	Collect native seed
AHCWRK323	Operate in isolated and remote situations
Group B	
AHCCHM201	Apply chemicals under supervision
AHCMOM202	Operate tractors
AHCMOM203	Operate basic machinery and equipment
AHCMOM204	Undertake operational maintenance of machinery
AHCMOM213	Operate and maintain chainsaws
AHCMOM216	Operate side by side utility vehicles
AHCMOM217	Operate quad bikes
AHCPGD207	Plant trees and shrubs
FWPCOT3325	Operate four wheel drive vehicle on unsealed roads
AHCSOL203	Assist with soil or growing media sampling and testing
Unnamed	
FWPCOT3326	Recover four wheel drive vehicle
FWPCOT3329	Perform complex four wheel drive operations

WITHDRAWING FROM A QUALIFICATION

You may withdraw from this qualification and receive, where relevant, a Statement of Attainment for all units of competency you have successfully completed.

SUPPORT SERVICES

The University provides support for students in many areas, including Accommodation, Careers and Employability, Counselling, Disability Services, Financial Support Services, Student Advocacy, Indigenous Tutorial Support Services, International Student Support Services, Library Services, and VET Learner Support Services.

More information is available at [Student Support - Life, Health and Wellbeing](#)

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For further information regarding student life at CDU, please refer to <https://www.cdu.edu.au/study/student-life>.